

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:376

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001

REDUCTION IN PRICES OF WHEAT SUPPLIED TO SOUTHERN STATES

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have received a request for reduction in prices of wheat supplied through FCI to the wheat millers of Southern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have acceded to the requests of the Southern States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.376 FOR ANSWER ON 17-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from Karnataka Roller Flour Mills Association, Tamil Nadu Roller Flour Mills Association, Confederation of Roller Flour Mills of Southern States, Chennai and Kerala Roller Flour Mills Association for reduction in prices of wheat supplied by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the wheat millers of Southern States.

(c), (d) & (e): No, Sir. Open sale rates of wheat are fixed by the High Level Committee of FCI Zone wise after taking into account the Zonal economic cost of wheat as maintained by the FCI and other relevant factors like carrying costs, tax components and transportation charges, etc. The rates in respect of the Southern Zone are generally higher as compared to the rates applicable to other Zones because of transportation charges.